(c) and (d) The Slum Department, which is now with M.C.D has reported that 11,382 applicants had opted for registration from flats to plots but the scheme could not materialise due to nonavailability of land. Allotment of plots to the registrants depends upon the availability of land.

Drinking Water Scheme in Gujarat

2893. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns of Gujarat where drinking water scheme under AUWSP has been commissioned so far and what is the status of each scheme as on date;

(b) whether these schemes have improved the supply of potable water in the towns of the State covered under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The Central Government has cleared drinking water supply schemes of 8 towns in Gujarat under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) out of which only one water supply scheme has been commissioned by the State Government. Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board has informed that other schemes are at various stages of implementation. Present status of the approved water supply schemes is at statement *(See below).*

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. As per the report received from the Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board, after the commissioned of water supply scheme at Dharampur (Distt. Valsad), the water supply service level has been increased from 40 LPCD to 70 LPCD.

Statement

s. No.	Name of Project	Cost as D.P.R. (Rs. in Lakhs)	Exp. incurred upto 3/98 (Rs. in lakhs)	Whether scheme is commis-sioned so far	Targeted comple-tion date	Present status —-
1.	Dhrol (Distt. Jamnagar)	132.60	45.84	No.	12/99	The Scheme is a part of Ajit-III RWSS and tender on turn-key basis is accepted and work under progress.
2.	Jodia (Distt. Jamnagar)	110.25	32.43	No.	12/99	-do-
3.	Okha Port (Distt. Jamnagar)	14.60	27.75	No.	12/98	Physically completed Testing of pipeline under progress. Likely to be commisisoncd shortly.
4.	Bantva (Distt. Junagarh)	38.50	43.88	No.	03/99	Copleted Misc. works under progress. To be put under commission shortly.
5.	Mendarda (Distt. Junagarh)	49.90	42.64	No.	03/99	T.W.P.H.P.M.. R.M. service reservoir, quarters completed. Well, Dist, system and misc. works under progress.
6.	Dharampur (Distt. Valsad)	54.00	55.54	Yes.	Completed	Completed except well No. 2 which is under progress. Water supply started through well No. 1.
7.	Surajkaradi (Distt. Jamnagar)	18.20	—	No	03/2000	Water reservation proposal under approval with Govt, of Gujarat.

s. No.	Name of Project	Cost as per D.P.R. (Rs. in Lakhs)	Exp. incurred upto 3/ 98 (Rs. in lakhs)	Whether scheme is commis-sioned so far	Targeted comple-tion date	Present status
S.	Barwala (Distt. Ahmedabad)	90.94	25.89	No.	03/99	Work of T.W. P.H. completed Sump. Rising main under progress. P.M. yet to be procured.

Amendment of Stamp Act

2894. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a bill to bring changes in the existing Stamp Act for transfer of properties through power of attorney;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the chunk of revenue expected by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI); (a) to (c) No decision has been taken on the issue.

Action Plan for New Housing Policy

2895. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the announcement of several steps in the budget, his Ministry had come up with certain action plans as reported in 'The Hindustan Times', dated the 25th June, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof as well as salient features of the New Housing Policy; and

(c) what concrete steps till date have been taken in providing basic civic amenities to people after the regularisation of 1,000 unauthorised colonies in the Capital as well as conversion of leasehold DDA flats to freehold properties in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The news items referred to in the question pertains to formulation of an Action Plan for revival of economy. In so far as Housing is concerned, the action plan pertains to inviting the I in housing. Details rgarding the schemes are not yet ready.

(b) A draft National Housing and Habitat Policy has been prepared after a review of the existing National Housing Policy 1994. The draft policy is yet to be approved by the Government.

(c) The subject matter of regularisation of unathorised colonies in Delhi is still subjudice. However Government of NCT of Delhi is providing electricity and water to such unauthorised colonies in existence as on 31.3.93 on receipt of payment. DDA has permitted conversion of a number of leasehold properties into free hold ones, as per directions issued by Govt, from time to time.

Restructuring of Government Presses

2896. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating restructuring the Government Presses;

(b) if so, whether Government will have consultations with the concerned recognised unions and associations of the employees on this at the national level;

(c) if so, whether any national level mechanism exists for such a consultaion; and

(d) if not, the modality to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI